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John W. Hickenlooper
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The Honorable Colorado Senate
General Assembly
State Capitol
200 E. Colfax Ave.
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Dear Members of the Colorado Senate:

Today, we filed with the Secretary of State Senate Bill 17-012, "Concerning Competency Restoration Services for Defendants Deemed Incompetent to Proceed" (SB 17-012). As I am neither signing nor vetoing SB 17-012, the bill will become law at 12:01 A.M. on June 10, 2017.

Although we agree that SB 17-012 sets good policy for the State of Colorado, for the same reasons elaborated in my letter delivered to the Senate today on Senate Bill 17-019, we have concerns that the bill's full and true impact on the state budget was not fully transparent.

We remain grateful for the House sponsor's efforts to alleviate several of these concerns when these issues were raised. However, we expect that future legislation not contain "work-around" language to the the annual appropriations process - whether by delays of implementation dates several years out, use of unnecessarily optional or permissive bill language, or other tactics that may veil a bill's true cost to the taxpayers.

For these reasons, I allowed Senate Bill 17-012 to become law without my signature.

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor